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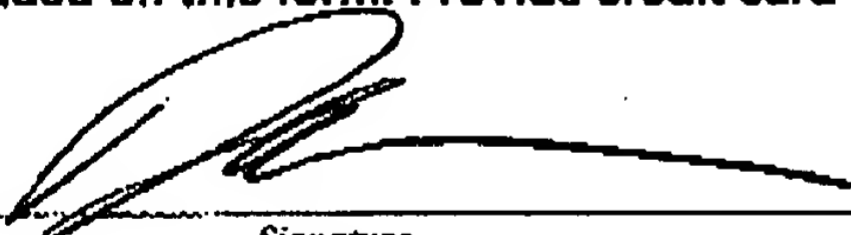
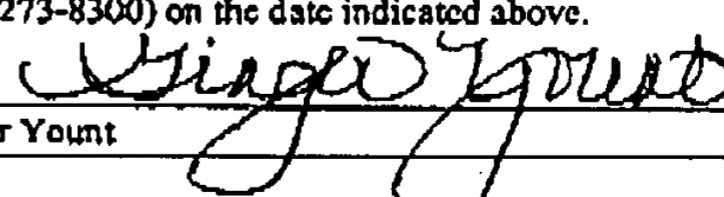
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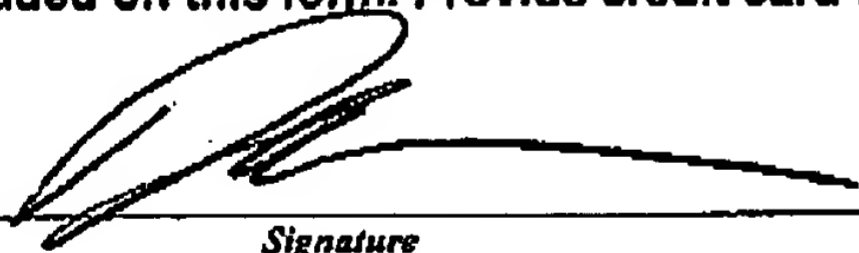
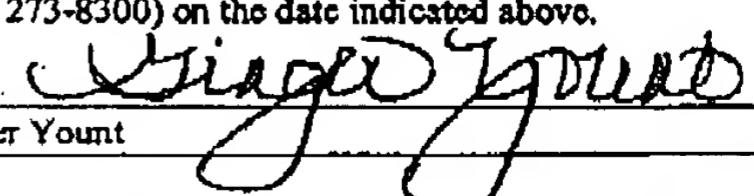
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Applicant(s): MARK C. DUHON ET AL.
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Title: EXPANDABLE ELEMENTS

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2. Reply to Office Action Mailed March 13, 2007.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 13, 2007

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Current Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended by this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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